

Amendments to the Specification

On page 5, please amend "as filed" paragraph 2 as follows:

In response to the prior art method Owens Corning introduced the Basement Wall Finishing System as disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/982,187, (Inventor: Traci Aloi et al.) entitled FINISHED ROOM AND METHOD OF FINISHING ROOM, now abandoned, herein incorporated in its entirety by express reference. The Aloi et al. application describes a system of finishing a basement in which 2.5 inch thick boards of rigid fiberglass insulation are adhered on one side with an aesthetically pleasing fabric. The fabric is typically a vapor permeable natural or artificial fiber fabric such as polyolefin. Each board is located between two adjacent frame members and releasably attached to the wall using snap-in rails.

On page 14, please amend "as filed" paragraph 5 as follows:

The basement foundation wall 16 may consist of a masonry wall (block or poured concrete), wood frame construction 16, or combination of wood frame 62 and masonry wall 62 (referred to herein as a knee- wall). The kneewall (Fig 7) includes a 2.5 inch laminated fiberglass insulation described in the Aloi et al. patent, abandoned, set forth above. The wood frame walls may be insulated with faced or unfaced insulation with the R-value

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The room finishing system 30 further includes a plurality of insulation panels 32 composed of an insulating material 34, and preferably a decorative fabric 36 attached to an outer surface of each of the insulation panels 32. Each of the insulation panels 32 is located between at least two of the first frame members 40, as will be discussed further hereinbelow with respect to a preferred method of the present invention. The insulating material is preferably a board product, such as a foam insulation board or a fibrous insulation board, sold in standard sizes, such as 4 ft. by 8 ft. (1.23m by 2.44m) by 2.5 in. (6.35cm) thick in the U.S.

On page 8, please amend paragraph 3 as follows:

If a foam insulation board is used, a preferred board would be constructed from a resilient melamine foam such as a melamine foam sold under the trademark BASOTECT by BASF. If a fibrous insulation board is used, a preferred board is a 700 Series glass fiber insulation board available from Owens Corning, with a 703 Series board having a density of at least about 3 lb/ft³ (kg/m^3) particularly preferred. Such glass fiber insulation boards are composed of glass fibers having a binder thereon which has been cured to bind the fibers into a matrix. For densities above about 2.25 lb/ft³ (kg/m^3), boards of such bindered glass fibers are relatively rigid, meaning that they generally support their own weight when stood on their end and do not sag by any significant amount when left in such a position for a long period of time. It is preferred that the insulation material 34 and thus the insulation panels 32, whether they are foam or fibrous, be relatively rigid so that the panels 32 maintain their shape and thus an acceptable appearance over time, and that they are tackable, i.e., that they are strong enough to hold the weight of a picture or other decorative hanging by means of one or more nails or tacks pushed into the panels 32. It should be understood, however, that because such boards are preferably made from a resilient melamine foam or a fibrous material, they have a generally soft, resilient surface and are relatively acoustically absorptive over a midrange of audible frequencies, i.e., a range including human speech, television programs, etc.